



St Martins School PTA Newsletter

Spring term

PTA FUNDED PROJECTS

This year the PTA will fund the replacement of the projector and its safety housing in the Main Hall at a cost of £5,000.

We will also be funding the purchase of 20 Chrome Books, to add to the iPads already funded by the PTA.

Funds raised this year will be used for further playground refurbishment and achieving the schools target of 1 iPad/Chrome Book per 2 children.

FROM THE CHAIR – GINETTE BADER

Welcome to the inaugural PTA Newsletter! We hope to give you a flavour of what the PTA is all about, how it contributes to our school and what exciting events are being planned!



With only one term into this academic year, the PTA calendar is already jam packed with events. The Halloween Disco was a big hit with the children and a thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Fayre and bought tickets for the Christmas Hamper raffle.

These events would just not happen without the generosity of our school community. So, to everyone who baked cakes, donated items or gave up their precious time selling tickets, setting up or helping on the day....

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

The PTA have plenty more events in the planning, so watch out on the school blog for information on how you can get involved.

Halloween Discos

The PTA kicked off a new school year of FUNdraising with Years 1 to 6 discos! It was the first time we had held 3 discos in one night and a daunting task, but what other night can you have a Spooktacular Fancy Dress Halloween Disco other than 31st October?!

Thanks to the hard work of a dedicated team of volunteers and kind donations of Halloween themed decorations, the school hall looked amazing on the night. Nearly 300 children attended the disco, all dressed in some truly creative costumes! Our first ever Spooky Photo booth went down a treat with some fantastic keepsakes for the children to take home.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped beforehand and on the night.

I think we can agree the children had an excellent time!

And best of all, together we raised a **spooktacular £1,185**. Well done everybody!



Christmas Fayre update

Once again, thank you to everyone who came to the PTA Christmas Fayre. Responding to parents feedback the PTA tried a new layout. Putting the café in the Hall allowed for more seating and using the Breakout Room and Music & Drama Room for stalls, kept the corridors clear. Initial feedback has been very positive and we found that the signs were a good idea too!

As always, manning the stalls is a big issue, as the PTA volunteers are parents too, so thank you to the 20 Year 6 students and Sister Kate, who stepped in to help.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Mixed emotions for PTA volunteer Tracey, as this was her last year of hamper making for the St Martins PTA, as her son heads to Secondary school in September. The PTA would like to say a special thank you to Tracey for her unwavering commitment to the Hamper Raffle over the years. Her hard work and effort has resulted in not only many thousands of pounds being raised for the school but big smiles from the pupils who have been lucky enough to win one! A fantastic achievement Tracey, thank you so much, you will be a hard act to follow!



The Fayre and raffle are one of our main fundraising events of the year and put an impressive **£3,300** in the pot!

PTA FUNDED PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

You can't have missed the transformation of the Infants playground that took place over the summer holidays. The brainchild of PTA Vice-Chair, Gill Hemming, along with a team of enthusiastic parents and staff, put in an incredible 240 hours of painting to bring the playground back to life! The attention to detail and the care that was put into this project is inspiring! The PTA also purchased 4 buddy benches for the Infants and 2 tables with benches for the Juniors. At a total cost nearly £3,000, the refurbishment was a big project for the PTA, but with the benches being made from 100% recycled plastics, maintenance free and a 25year construction guarantee, we hope that this investment will benefit many children in the years to come.



Did you know...
the PTA has
funded iMac's
for the school
technology
department?



COMING UP THIS TERM

Easter EGGtravaganza! It will soon be time for the children to get crafty. An Easter themed craft activity is on the way, more information will be sent out shortly. There will be a prize for every child that enters and some bigger prizes for the year group winners! Time to get your craft on!



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. The St Martins PTA is run solely by busy parents, just like you, with every hard earned penny raised going direct to our school for equipment and projects that would otherwise not be funded by the States. It can not hold and run events without its volunteers. If you would like to get involved, have any suggestions, ideas or any feedback, we would love to hear from you. Come along to our informal monthly meetings at school or email at StMartinsPTA.gg@Gmail.com
Just a few hours a term will make a huge difference to all our children's lives! Thank you!